

**Denial of Request for Extension of  
Small Refinery Temporary Exemption  
Under the Renewable Fuel Standards Program  
for**

**(b) (4)**

**Contains Information Claimed by  
(b) (4) to be  
Confidential Business Information**

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EPA received a petition from (b) (4) dated August 31, 2016, and supplemented on September 15, 2016, for a <sup>Redacted Material Not Subject to Review</sup> extension of the RFS small refinery exemption for the (b) (4) for obligation years 2015 <sup>Redacted Material Not Subject to Review</sup>. For the reasons described herein, EPA is denying (b) (4) request for a one year extension of the (b) (4) small refinery exemption for 2015. <sup>Redacted Material Not Subject to Review Per Court's 7/23/2020 Minute Order</sup>

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## **V. Conclusion**

Section 211(o)(9)(B) of the CAA and 40 CFR 80.1441(e)(2) allow EPA to grant an extension of a small refinery's exemption based on a demonstration by the small refinery of a "disproportionate economic hardship" from compliance with the RFS requirements. Based on our analysis of all of the available information about the (b) (4) and our consultation with DOE, EPA has concluded that the (b) (4) will not experience "disproportionate economic hardship" in complying with the RFS requirements. Therefore, EPA is denying (b) (4) request for a temporary extension of the (b) (4) small refinery hardship exemption for 2015.

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